WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for accessing a network through a communication device,

2   comprising:

3   receiving a contact from the communication device;

4   accessing the network based on commands received from the contact; and

5   determining, based on a data return parameter in a user profile, the data

6   return parameter including at least a parameter that indicates whether to deliver the results

7   immediately or at a later time when the results become available;

8   collecting portions of the results in a memory if results are to be delivered

9   at a later time; and

10   delivering the results to the communication device.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving the commands from the communication device;

3   translating the commands into a function that is to be performed; and

4   performing the function.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the commands include at least one of a

2   voice command, a keypad command or an icon selection.

1   4.   The method of claim 2, wherein the function comprises at least one of:

2   setting up a log-on ID on the network;

3   logging on to the network;

4   accessing pages reachable through the network;

5   sending e-mail through the network;

6   retrieving e-mail received through the network;

7   searching the network;

8   chatting on the network;

9   sending messages to a forum on the network;

10   downloading from the network;

11   streaming information to a designated device;

12   sending information related to an item displayed by the communication

13   device;

14   bidding in an auction; or

15   retrieving information based on a shopping input.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising generating an alert when all

2   portions of the results are collected, the alert being at least one of initiating a telephone

3   call, sending a message to a pager, sending a facsimile to a designated facsimile number,

4   leaving a voice mail in a voice mailbox and displaying a display of the communication

5   device.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the delivering comprises at least one of:

2   outputting the results to the communication device;

3   outputting the results to a communication device other than the

4   communication device;

5   sending a facsimile containing the results to a designated facsimile

6   number;

7   mailing a copy of the results;

8   streaming the results to a designated device; and

9   downloading result to a database and then outputting the results to the

10   designated device.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the communication device includes one or

2   more of:

3   a wireless phone;

4   a wireless internet protocol device;

5   an I-mode device;

6   a personal digital assistant;

7   an iTV;

8   a wireless radio;

9   a landline phone; and

10   a set-top box;

11   a home gateway; and

12   a wireless internet device.

1   8.   A network access device, comprising:

2   a network interface;

3   a user interface;

4   a memory; and

5   a controller coupled to the network interface and the memory, the

6   controller receiving a contact from a communication device through the user interface,

7   accessing the network based on commands received from the communication device,

8   wherein the controller determines, based on a data return parameter in a user profile, the

9   data return parameter including at least a parameter that indicates whether to deliver the

10   results immediately or at a later time, collects portions of the results in a memory if the

11   results are to be delivered at a later time, and delivers the results to the contact.

1   9.   The device of claim 8, wherein the controller receives the commands from

2   the communication device, translates the commands into a function that is to be

3   performed, and performs the function.

1   10.   The device of claim 9, wherein the commands include at least one of a

2   voice command, a keypad command, or an icon selection.

1   11.   The device of claim 9, wherein the function comprises at least one of:

2   setting up a log-on ID on the network;

3   logging on to the network;

4   accessing pages reachable through the network;

5   sending e-mail through the network;

6   retrieving e-mail received through the network;

7   searching the network;

8   chatting on the network;

9   sending messages to a forum on the network;

10   downloading information from the network;

11   sending information related to an item displayed by the communication

12   device;

13   streaming information to a designated device;

14   bidding in an auction; or

15   retrieving information based on a shopping input.

1   12.   The device of claim 8, wherein the controller generates an alert when all

2   portions of the results are collected, the alert being at least one of initiating a telephone

3   call, sending a message to a pager, sending a facsimile to a designated facsimile number,

4   leaving a voice mail in a voice mailbox, and displaying a display of the communication

5   device.

1   13.   The device of claim 8, wherein the controller at least one of:

2   outputs the results to the communication device;

3   outputs the results to a communication device other than the

4   communicating device;

5   sends a facsimile containing the results to a designated facsimile number;

6   mails a copy of the results;

7   streams the results to a designated device; and

8   downloads result to a database and then outputting the results to the

9   designated device.

1   14.   The device of claim 8, wherein the communication device includes one or

2   more of:

3   a wireless phone;

4   a personal digital assistant;

5   an iTV;

6   a wireless radio;

7   a landline phone;

8   a set-top box;

9   a home gateway; and

10   a wireless internet device.

1   15.   The device of claim 8, wherein the network access device is a head-end of

2   a cable system or a controller for a Digital Subscriber Line network, a controller for a

3   broadband network.